CHAPTER NO. 123

HOUSE BILL NO. 3602

By Representative Fowlkes

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3511

By Senator Jackson

AN ACT relative to transferring duties of the Probate Court in Giles County to the Chancery Court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Chancery Court for Giles County is hereby designated Probate Court of Giles County. The Clerk and Master for Giles County is hereby granted all statutory powers when Chancery Court is exercising probate jurisdiction. Effective July 1, 2004, the books, records, accounts, papers and documents pertaining to probate matters shall be filed with the Clerk and Master who shall have and perform the statutory functions with respect to probate jurisdiction from that date forward.

The General Sessions Court shall retain probate jurisdiction over all probate matters pending in that court on June 30, 2004, until their conclusion.

SECTION 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Giles County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective on July 1, 2004, provided that it is approved as required by Section 3.

PASSED: May 13, 2004

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2004

